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Birch Article On Kennedy Held Worse, Not Better, Than Report

To The Editor:

In a recent letter I. H. Schaumber accused The Daily Item of distorting and quoting out of content an article in American Opinion by R. P. Oliver. Instead of telling us what the article really said he juggles a few quotations of his own to show that the article is not as bad as suggested by the Item. He thinks his version proves that the Birch Society is not defaming anyone.

Come on, now, Mr. S., you're not doing your homework. Why leave it to us "dupes of communism" to tell what the article really said?

Could it be that you find it just a little too ridiculous to defend without resorting to distortions, abbreviated quotations and a general whitewash job?

The article states that there are only three explanations of the assassination that are not preposterous.

1—"Kennedy was executed by the Communist conspiracy because he was planning to turn American. For this comforting hypothesis there is no evidence now known."

2—"Khrushchev and Kennedy were planning to stage a fake revolt to unseat Castro—so ... arranged the assassination of Jack in the hope of averting or at least postponing his own."

3—"That the Conspiracy ordered the assassination as part of a systematic preparation for a domestic takeover." Kennedy was not doing the work of the Conspiracy fast enough. He was becoming a liability because his popularity was beginning to slip and ... "the vast cesspool in Washington was beginning to leak badly." The Communists killed him because they felt he was becoming useless to them.

This fantastic article also informs us "boobs" (i.e., those of us who still innocently believe that there are some non-Communist State Department officials

around somewhere) that the Conspiracy controls a large part of our communications network; that Earl Warren "... spends his vacations with Little Comrade Tito in Yugoslavia or with Big Comrade Khrushchev in the Crimea..."; that Kennedy installed McNamara in the Pentagon to demoralize and subvert our armed forces, and that the C.I.A. was helped by the Soviet secret police to carry out murders in South Vietnam.

Throughout the article no proof is offered for any of the contentions. This is the essence of defamation: "The wrong injuring of another's reputation without good reason or proof."

Mr. Schaumber's bucket of whitewash would have to go a long way to make this article into recognizable critical commentary.

Many people take pains to present the John Birch Society as just a patriotic anti-Communist organization. A dip into its literature will soon dispel that illusion. Their's is a strange, inverted world where the patriots are people like Welch, Oliver and McCarthy and the enemies are Warren, Kennedy and McNamara.

If a world like that ever comes to be accepted in the U.S., one may conceivably be forgiven if one is tempted to take a vacation with Earl Warren and perhaps take a stroll down the Crimea with "Big Comrade Khrushchev" rather than walk down the path of babbling irrationality with the John Birch Society, for there will be little difference.

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HEADLINES

To the Editor:

Is President Johnson so busy turning off White House lights, he has no time to read the headlines? Americans manhandled in Zanzibar; U.S. missionaries slain in the Congo; American soldiers killed in Panama; 3 American air officers shot down over East Germany; American women and children bombed in Vietnam doomed since the betrayal-murder of patriot Diem, etc., etc. But

President Johnson says everything's ducky.

And what is that colossus, the CIA doing: Spying on the John Birch Society?

The Stars and Stripes lie trampled under the filthy boots of our "underdeveloped" foreign-aided, red-loving "friends!" America's honor and her very life are at stake.

Could President Johnson interrupt his waltzing long enough to do something about it?

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Confidence in Leadership Shaken

EDITOR: Where else can we turn? At the end of World War II, I was so proud of my country I was ready to bust. True, it seemed the concessions made to the Communists were excessive, but "the Government knows what it is doing". Then the almost unopposed Communist take-over of China made me wonder. Our ignoble "police action" and truce in Korea shook my confidence badly, and when we turned our backs on the Hungarians after encouraging them to revolt, my respect for most of the people in Washington dropped to zero. When we pulled the rug from under the Cubans at the Bay of Pigs, I felt sick.

By now, of course, when the CIA suddenly "discovered" the rockets in Cuba, after several months of warnings in the U.S. papers, nobody seriously thought we would do anything about it, and we didn't. These and other reversals have been forecast and ignored by our "leaders in Washington;" time and again concessions and/or made almost daily. The cries now are, "build another canal", "Let them have Viet Nam; it's not important anyway". Take it easy, status government, give a little. Better than to take a chance on war. All of which boils down to, "Better Red than dead".

I know of only one U.S. leader who appears to have the courage or the desire to face facts as they really are—Goldwater.—George L. Harvey, 7739 Hacienda avenue.

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